

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, all citizens regardless of race, creed or ethnicity deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice; and

WHEREAS, each act of racism or discrimination is one too many; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all citizens in dialogue, reflection and action; and

WHEREAS, our shared goal is to advocate for increased awareness of the lasting and negative effects of racism in our communities, institutions and personal relationships; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of Vermont, along with local businesses, community organizations, schools, and places of worship, celebrate diversity and advocate for the elimination of racism,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Kiss, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2010 as

YWCA

STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY

in the City of Burlington and encourage all citizens to work towards building racial equity throughout the city and state.

Bob Kiss, Mayor